

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 12, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The prelude provides an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God by being still and quiet.

Prelude *Dearest Jesus at Your Word* Paul Manz
Dan Lawhon

Welcome Erica Cooper

Choral Introit *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Processional Hymn No. 248 *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY
[Hymn sheet on page 3](#)

Call to Worship Paxton Vaughn

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

All: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

All: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

All: But we have been called to bring healing to those who hurt.

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Invocation Rachel Ashcraft

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Hymn No. 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS
[Hymn sheet on page 4](#)

Sermon on the Steps Lindsey Bloodworth

Hymn No. 239 *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing* GELOBT SEI GOTT
[Hymn sheet on page 5](#)

Psalter Reading Psalm 145:13-21 John McElroy

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God.

Choral Call to Prayer *Come and Fill Our Hearts* CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer Eric Clark

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading John 20:19-31 Erica Cooper

One: For the Word of God for the people of God,

All: We give thanks to God.

Solo *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth* G. F. Handel
Sherrie Lawhon, Soprano

Sermon *Wounded but Alive* Erica Cooper

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Invitation to Christian Commitment Erica Cooper

Hymn of Response No. 703 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love for Me* ST. CATHERINE
[Hymn sheet on page 6](#)

Words of Dedication Miles Looney

Reception of the Offering Ushers

Giving sacrificially of our money is one tangible expression of a wholehearted self-giving stewardship of all of life.
Monetary offerings may be given online at baptistchurchofthecovenant.org/giving.

Offertory *Easter Song* Rebecca Groom Te Velde
Dan Lawhon

Offertory Response *Doxology* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Moment on Mission Eric Clark

Life of the Church Eric Clark

Benediction Erica Cooper

Postlude *Hymn to Joy* Paul Manz
Dan Lawhon

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Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna! 248



1 Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na ev - ery - one!



Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

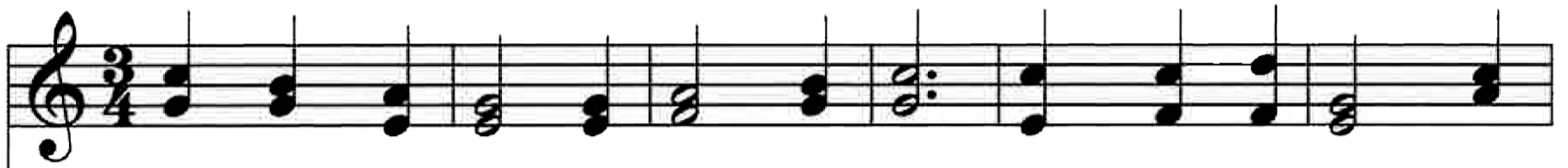
rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer- ing
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



① Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



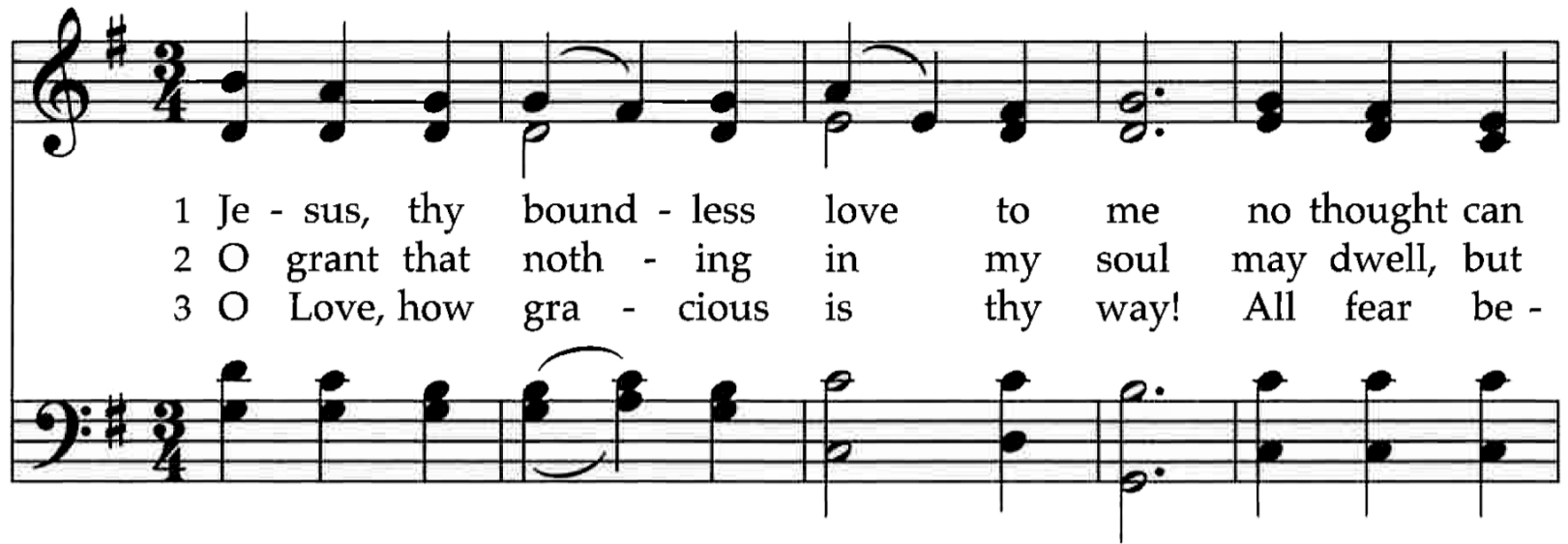
of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



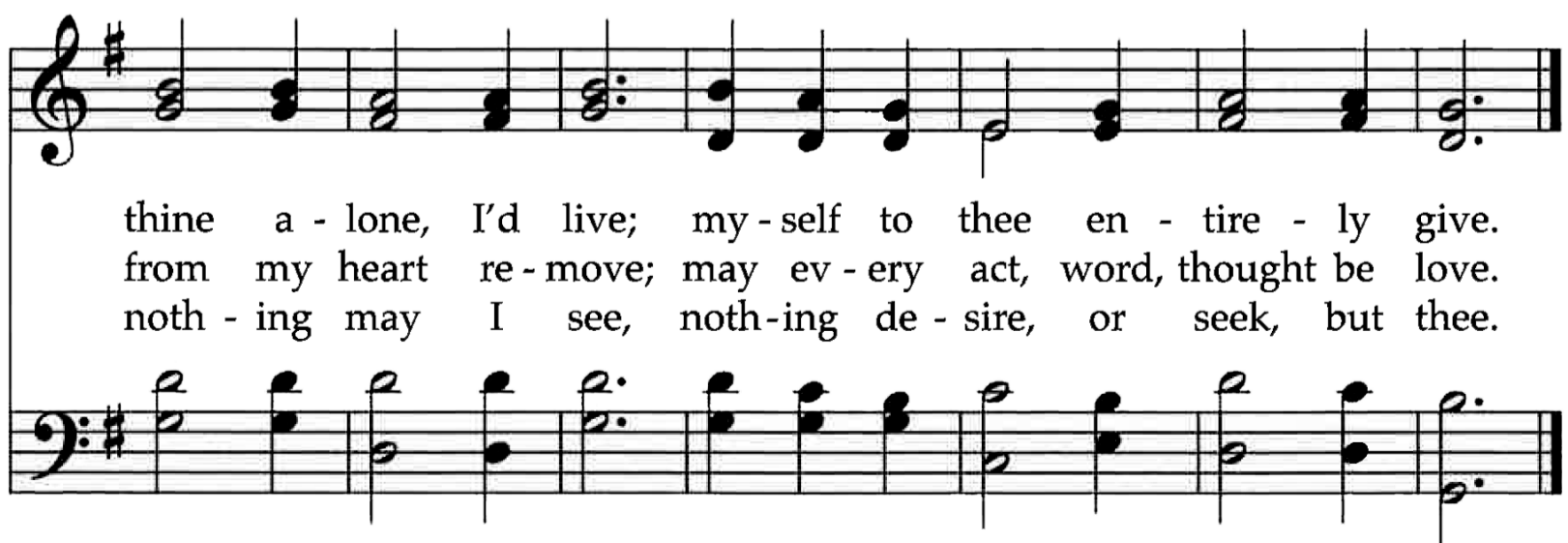
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -



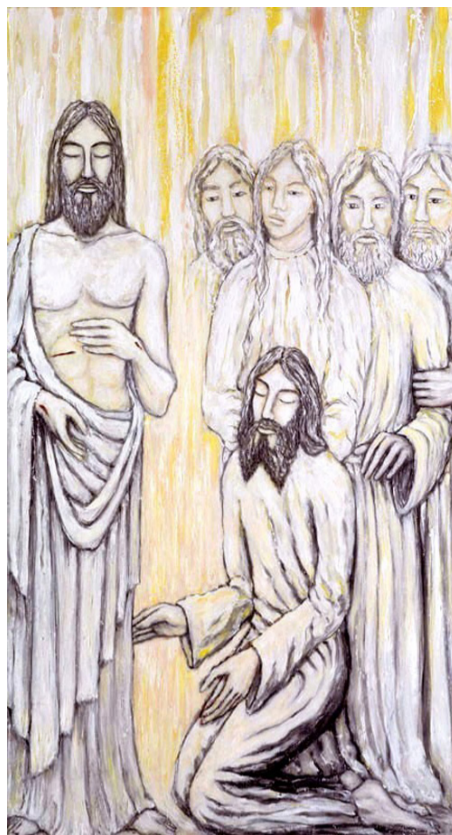
reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -



thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,



thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Today at 5:00 pm

The monthly meeting of our Caregivers Support Group is today from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The group facilitated by TJ Hunt-Felke will be gathering in the Bock Mayse center to explore aspects of caring for a family member. TJ Hunt-Felke, Ph.D., M.Div., is a clinical psychologist at Cahaba Psychology in Hoover. He brings experience leading church-based groups and individual support for general mental health conditions and is excited to serve the caregiving group now. If you have any questions, please reach out to TJ Hunt-Felke.

3RD SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE Sunday, April 19

BCOC is having its monthly Food Drive for Greater Birmingham Ministries next week! Pantry needs include non-perishable items like canned vegetables, beans, fruit, meat, and soup. Thank you for helping BCOC's ministry to fill the GBM pantry!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP April 15 and 22

Brian McLaren says, "Sometimes, we become so familiar with the primal sacred story of the Bible that we need some fresh takes on it to see what was always there, things we'd missed before." *Reimagining Narratives: The Story of Jacob and Esau* is led by Morgan Ponder, Nathan Rankin, and Pastor Erica. This three-week series will reframe the narrative of Jacob and Esau, seeing this familiar story in a new light so that we might deepen our understanding of God's hopes for humanity.

Our mid-week fellowship meal is in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. You can make a reservation online. Reservations must be in by Monday at noon.